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 SOURCE
1. On 25 July 1951, the Tauentzien Kaserne in Stendal (U 53/Y 05) quartered not more than 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. The four apartment houses beside the billeting area were used as officers' billets. Troops were seen practicing with: 4 light AT guns, 12 x 82-mm mortars, and 6 x 120-mm mortars. Trucks observed at the installation were
  2. On 26 July, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by only a guard unit of soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. were identified at the installation.
  3. On 28 July, the troops in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne were estimated at 500 to 600. About 200 unarmed soldiers were seen marching to the former girls' highschool, apparently to attend a motion picture performance. At the same time, other troops were seen cleaning vehicles in the billeting area. The gate guards were tank troops. Trucks identified at the installation were
  4. On 25 July, the troop quarters on Haferbreiterweg were occupied by 150 to 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Source believed the quarters housed a motor transport unit and a repair shop. stood on a lifting platform, and a was parked beside another lifting platform. From 25 to 30 trucks were sheltered under an open shed. Truck was identified entering the billeting area. (2)
  5. A local resident stated that the artillery unit from Borstel airfield had returned during the night of 23 July.
  6. On 24 July, a column of 8 model SU-122 SP guns, 8 T-34/85 tanks and 4 JS-1 or JS-2 tanks were seen moving along the Insel-Stendal road toward Stendal. Each armored vehicle was occupied by 6 to 8 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and were armed with carbines and submachine guns. (3)

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On 26 July, a convoy of sedans, including [REDACTED] with two generals, was observed in the restricted area on Friedrich Ebert Strasse. Other sedans in the convoy were [REDACTED]

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On 27 July, an AT unit was seen leaving Stendal toward Tangermünde. The unit consisted of 14 trucks, each carrying 20 to 22 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and field equipment; 1 ambulance; 1 truck towing a field kitchen; and 22 full-track prime movers, each towing a 100-mm AT gun and carrying 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. 5 of the trucks were [REDACTED]

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A local resident stated that the artillery unit from Borstel airfield departed toward Stendal with 12 artillery pieces on 27 July. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) The number of troops in the Taubitz Kaserne, the Hindenburg Kaserne, and the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne is fluctuating due to the rotation of troops from Stendal to Letzling Heath for field exercises. [REDACTED]. The vehicle numbers mentioned in the present report belong to components of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, which are carried in these installations.
- (2) The information confirms the motor transport unit believed to be located on Haferbreiter Weg. [REDACTED]. It is possible that, in addition, a motor vehicle and tank repair shop, serving the troops at the Stendal post, may be located there.
- (3) The armored column probably returned from the Letzling Heath training area. It is believed to have been an element of the unidentified Tank Regt, possibly the 16th Gds, of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div.
- (4) The Hq LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps is carried in the restricted area. The sedan numbers reported belong to the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and headquarters units of the Third Shock Army.
- (5) The information is vague as to whether the motor column [REDACTED] on 27 July was that observed by Stendal residents. According to the Soviet T/E, the column with 12 artillery pieces could have belonged to the unidentified AT artillery battalion of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div which is carried among the units at Borstel airfield, whereas the 22 heavy AT guns with prime movers may have belonged to the 780th Gun Arty Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. The [REDACTED] belong to a new supplementary series and do not allow identification of the unit concerned.

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